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SUBJECT: UNICEF EXEC BOARD MEETING: INTERNATIONAL

CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, 1978

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1. AT WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY US DEL JOINED IN CONSENSUS APPROVING HOLDING OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON HEALTH DELIVERY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY BASIC HEALTH SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS.

2. THE US HAS FOR SOME TIME URGED THE HOLDING OF THE

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CONFERENCE IN SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRY, BUT NONE CAME

FORWARD WITH AN INVITATION AND AN OFFER TO PAY THE COSTS ABOVE THOSE WHICH WOULD BE INCURRED IN GENEVA. THE SOVIET UNION OFFERED TO PAY THESE COSTS AND ITS INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED. IN THE ABSENCE OF AN LDC THE US DEL RELUCTANTLY AGREED.

3. IN ABSENCE OF E/ICEF/CRP/76-9 DEPT UNABLE COMMENT ON PROJECTED UNICEF COSTS. EXPECT RETURN OF USDEL TO WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ON JUNE 24.

4. USDEL TO WHA ENDEAVORED TO ASSURE THAT CONFERENCE WOULD ENGAGE IN SERIOUS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE TECHNICAL STATE OF THE ART IN HEALTH DELIVERY SERVICES AND NOT BE DIVERTED BY PR DEMONSTRATION OF THE SOVIET UNION'S HEALTH SYSTEM.

5. USDEL MAY JOIN IN CONSENSUS FAVORING UNICEF CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THIS CONFERENCE, MAKING THE ABOVE POINTS AS APPROPRIATE AND RESERVING OUR POSITION ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENSES PENDING MORE CAREFUL STUDY OF THE ESTIMATES. AGREE WITH USDEL SUGGESTION RE USE OF RUBLES.

6. COMMENTS OF US MISSION GENEVA WOULD BE WELCOME. ROBINSON

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